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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

CIA Cuts Off Aid to Local Police

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Because of criticism, the Central Intelligence Agency has cut off aid to local police. The aid ranged from Buck Rogers devices, which showed whether suspects had handled a gun or explosives, to translators who helped police question witnesses in exotic languages. Some police still have CIA bugging and other equipment, which the CIA wants them to keep.

Butz Balks — The secret minutes of an Agriculture Department policy meeting reveal that Secretary Earl Butz fought a direct order from the White House to spend $300,000 on a Bicentennial exhibit. Butz thought this would be a waste of the taxpayers' money. Declare the minutes: "Bicentennial will be at a minimum expense of $300,000, and (President) Ford himself has insisted on it. Butz tried to get out of the expense, but was overruled by Ford."

Biscayne Bailout — Richard M. Nixon's millionaire crony, Robert Abplanalp, is bailing out of the Nixon compound in Key Biscayne, Fla. He bought a house next door to the former President's vacation home for $150,000 and then leased it to the government for $12,000 a year. The taxpayers also put in $1,606.90 worth of improvements. Now Abplanalp has accepted a deposit on the house. The selling price: $222,000. Neither Nixon nor his other neighbor, C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, have yet unloaded the other two houses in the compound.

Astronaut Parties — Rockwell International, the giant space contractor, threw weekend parties for the Apollo astronauts at the Tahitian Village in Downey, Calif., while they were preparing for their flights. The company brought both booze and babes to the Tanitian Village soirees. Before the launches, the company also held cocktail parties for space officials at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Reagan's Raiders — Refugees from Richard Nixon's team are quietly turning up on Ronald Reagan's bandwagon. We have already reported that two former Nixon workers, Ken Rietz and Lyn Nofziger, have gone to work for Reagan. Now we have learned that Roger Stone, who ran a spy ring for Nixon under the alias "Jason Rainier," has taken over Reagan's youth division. Stone told us he regretted his dirty tricks in 1972. It was "an incredibly stupid thing to do," he said. "I've learned my lesson."

Apology to Bauman — We recently reported that Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md.) had pocketed $2,625.52 of funds he had raised for Ronald Reagan. The information came from a Reagan campaign voucher, and we were unable to reach Bauman for comment before going to press. Now Bauman has convinced us that the voucher completely misconstrued the payment. Bauman didn't collect $2,625.52 from Reagan but paid this amount to Reagan for travel expenses. It was a belated payment for a campaign appearance, which Reagan made in 1974. We apologize to Bauman for the mistake.

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